World Bank loans to India

*185. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the RBI Governor has urged the World Bank to double its loans to India and the Bank has responded in positive;

(b) if so, the appropriate modality to finalise such an issue;

(c) whether the RBI Governor's move is in keeping with that;

(d) whether Government are considering setting up a Commission to assess the impact of World Bank's loans taken by India till now;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if no, the reasons therefor?

THE NINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No Sir, The Reserve Bank Governor has not urged the World Bank to double its loan to India.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) No Sir, Does not arise.

(f) The loans and credits from World Bank are of a concessional nature with long maturity period enabling the Government to undertake developmental projects in social and infrastructure sectors which will yield long-term benefits to the country.

Backlog of cases in Supeme Court and various High Courts

*186. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a huge backlog of cases in the Supreme Court and various High courts of India;

(b) if so, what are the court-wise details thereof as on date;

(c) whether some steps have been taken to reduce this backlog;

(d) if so, what have been the results thereof; and

(e) what measures are being contompleted to bring this backlog further down?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) and (b) The information available is given in the Statement *(see below)*

(c) Apart from amending the procedural laws from time to time, Government has taken a series of steps to simplify procedures and speed up disposal of cases on the basis of the advice and recommendations of expert bodies like the Law Commission. Conference of Law Minisers, Chief Ministers and Chief Justices and other concerned with the administration of Justice are held periodically and the recommendations and conclusions emerging from such exchanges and consultations are implemented and their progress closely monitored. In addition, the Supreme Court has also taken several steps viz. more practical categorisation and grouping of cases, stablization of Benches, no accumulation of defective matters, reservation of more time for old pending cases, better utilisation of avajlable computer network and streamlining of administration etc.

(d) The pendency of cases in Supreme Court has come down from 107,776 cases in December, 1990 to 23,246 cases in December, 1996. Despite the increase in the disposal of cases in the High Courts from 8.38 lakhs in 1991 to 10.39 lakhs in 1995, the backlog of cases pending in High Courts has shown an upward trend, this is largely due to increased institution of cases.

(e) In a continuing endeavour of providing prompt justice, the Government intends to further simplify the judicial procedures, increase the number of posts of judges, strengthen the existing infrastructure further by providing additional funds for the construction of court buildings and

residential facilities, adopt Lok Adalats and other alternative modes of dispute resolution such as arbitration, mediation and negotiation.

Statement

Cases Pending in the Supreme Court of India as on 30.7.97

	(Actual number of files)
Admission matters	5454
Regular matters	15101
Total:—	20555

Pendency of Cases in High Courts as on 31.12.96

Sl. No.	Name of High Court	No. of cases pending
1	Allahabad	865,455
2	Andhra Pradesh	135,621
3	Bombay	234,058
4	Calcutta	264,312
5	Delhi	153,537
6	Gauhati	33,018
7	Gujarat	139,821
8	Himachal Pradesh	17,166
9	J & K	96,414
10	Karnataka	150,965
11	Kerala	217,823
12	Madhya Pradesh	75,616
13	Madras	310,640
14	Orissa	66,820
15	Patna	93,310
16	Punjab & Haryana	161,562
17	Rajasthan*	95,496
18	Sikkim	88
	Total:—	3,111,722

*As on 30.9.1996

Three day conference on Civil Code in Goa

*187. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a three day conference on Civil Code was held in Goa in May, 1997, and

(b) the details of participants and decision arrived at the conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) The Central Government and the Government of Goa did not hold any such conference.

(b) Does not arise.

Non-official directors on boards of RBI

*188. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of non-official directors appointed by Government on the Reserve Bank, central and local boards, board-wise;

(b) the names of present incumbents on the boards with tenure of each director, board-wise; and

(c) the number of existing vacancies of directors, board-wise and by when they are likely to be filled?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The details of the non official directors/ members in position on the Central Board of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the four local Boards of RBI, board-wise alongwith their tenures are given in the Annexure [See Appendix 18, Annexure no. 40]. At present one post of director in the Central Board and four posts of members in the Local Boards (Eastern-2, Northern-1, Southern-1) are vacant. Action has already been initiated for filling up the vacancies.

Bank Frauds Since 1990

*189. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of frauds that have taken place since liberalisation of country's economy in 1990;